

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, Applicants have amended claims 14, 22, 22 37 and 56 in order to comply with the Examiner's suggestions and to avoid any basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In order to overcome the Examiner's provisional rejection of the claims under the judicially-created obviousness-type double-patent rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b), for consideration and entry by the Examiner. While the claims allowed in copending Application Serial No. 09/721,885 are deemed to be sufficiently different than the amended claims in the present Application, Applicants believe that the Terminal Disclaimer may no longer be necessary in the present Application. Applicants defer to the Examiner's judgment in this particular matter.

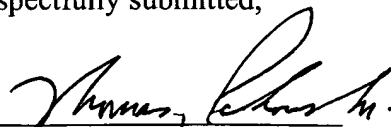
In view, therefore, of the Amendment and Remarks set forth above, the present invention defined by Claims 14, 22, 22 37 and 56 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

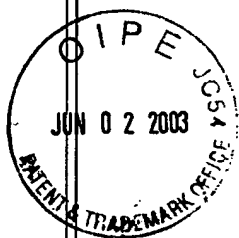
Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account 16-1340.

Respectfully submitted,

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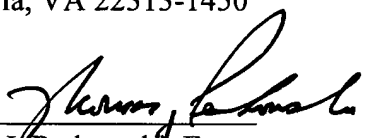

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